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India's passive role over recent development in Sri Lanka

271. SMT. BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have chosen to resort to a passive role over the recent political developments in Sri Lanka;

(b) whether India perceives any fall-out over the Sri Lankan crisis, in terms of influx of refugees from Sri Lanka; and

(c) if so, the contingency plans put in place by India to counter refugee influx from Sri Lanka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) No. The Government of India expressed concern over the recent political developments and issued a statement on November 4, 2003 as follows: "We are surprised at the sudden political developments in Sri Lanka today. We hope that the situation does not provoke a constitutional crisis, which would impact on political stability in Sri Lanka and on the ongoing peace process. We also hope that a way can be urgently found through political dialogue to avoid these adverse consequences."

The political leadership in Sri Lanka keeps Government of India briefed regularly on the peace process and other developments.

(b) No. Both the President and the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka have expressed their commitment to the Ceasefire Agreement and to negotiations with the LTTE for a solution to the conflict. Therefore, an influx of refugees is not expected.

(c) Does not apply.

Issuance of Visa to Indians by Indonesia

272. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indonesia has suddenly imposed a decision that Indians cannot be issued visas without clearance from Jakarta;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and